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Rapid River News

From L.R.B.O.I.

Binaakwe-Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)
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(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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Click here for LRCR Employment

<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>



Ghost Supper. A Community Ghost Supper has been scheduled for Sunday, November 1st at the Community Center. The time will be at 4:07 p.m. See the full details in the next Currents.

Warriors Society updates:



Special meeting in November! On the 8th of November, the Warriors Society will have a special meeting to honor those members whose names are on the monument at the Casino Resort. In addition, they will be holding an election for the seat of Vice Chairperson.



Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660.



- Fall Celebration. The Fall Celebration took place the 1st through the 4th of October at Aki Maadiiziwin. Early on Thursday morning the sacred fire was lit and the lodge erected and covered. For all attending the event, it was a wonderful time to gather, learn and share.

- Art Exhibit in Manistee. 'Anishinaabe Art is Good Medicine' art exhibit begins at the T. Walter Hardy Hall in the Ramsdell Theatre building on Maple Street. This first-ever exhibit runs from October 9th through October 18th. Exhibit hours:

- o Artists Reception Friday, October 9th from 6 to 8 p.m.
- o October 10th, 16th and 17th from 1 to 8 p.m.
- o October 11th and 18th from 1 to 4 p.m.

Grants update!

The Grants office was just notified last week that LRB has been awarded \$434,169 from the Office on Violence Against Women which will be managed by the Family Services Department. It is a three year project and will be of significant benefit to our Tribe!!!

Casino Board Meeting!
The next Casino Open Board meeting is scheduled for October 16th in the Grand River Room. The meeting starts at 4 p.m.

Muschigon Construction, LLC, a Tribal Enterprise, has an immediate opening for a Construction Foreman in Manistee. Job requirements include: 5 years of experience in residential or commercial construction, read and interpret blueprints, possess a valid driver's license and be insurable on the company auto policy. Must have the ability to perform heavy lifting, work on ladders at considerable height and work under winter conditions. Must be able to manage a crew, safeguard the job site and contribute to the construction project. Apply at Muschigon Construction, 294 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660. Telephone: 231.398.0800 or email: info@muschigonconstruction.com

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: **6-2-09**

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, October 5, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 9:00 a.m. 09171CO - Tribe v. Stone Show Cause
- 9:00 a.m. 09209TM - Tribe v. J. Stone Arraignment
- 10:00 a.m. 09207CO - Tribe v. Battice Hearing
- 11:00 a.m. 09201GC - Chandler v. Chandler Small Claims
- 11:30 a.m. 08229GC - Brown v. Stone Motion Hearing
- 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2009; Appellate Justices

- 3:00 p.m. 09142AP - Wabsis v. Enrollment Scheduling Conference

Friday, October 9, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 9:00 a.m. 08291NA - Neglect Abuse/Closed Review
- 9:45 a.m. 08284NA - Neglect Abuse/Closed Show Cause
- 9:45 a.m. 08291NA - Neglect Abuse/Closed Show Cause
- 10:00 a.m. Judicial Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. 09184NA - Neglect Abuse/Closed Review

Friday, October 9, 2009; Appellate Justices

- 4:00 p.m. 08036AP - Kelsey v. Tribe Scheduling Conf.

Monday, October 12, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09195DM - Burkhart v. Burkhart Motion Hearing
- Prosecutor, Probation, Court Admin. In Petoskey for CASOM training.

Monday, October 19, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09151GA - Cooper v. Gaming Pretrial/Sch. Conf

Thursday, October 22, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 11:00 a.m. 09184NA - Neglect/Abuse Review Hearing
- 1:30 p.m. 09169GC - Martin v. Tribe Pretrial/Motion Hrg.

Friday, October 26, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09205NC - Vaquera Name Change

Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open.

Commerce Commission	3 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission		3 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Enrollment Commission		4 openings as of 9/20
Health Commission		2 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office.

Thanks

(Kateri Circle)

“Education is the new weapon of Indian people.”

--Eddie Box, SOUTHERN UTE

People have the ability to adapt. In these modern times we must get educated so the people don't lose. We need lawyers, doctors, nurses, foresters, scientists, educators, carpenters, welders. These skills are needed to help the people. While we are learning, we need to remember to keep the culture, learn the dances, sing the songs, learn the language and maintain the Red Road for future generations.

Great Spirit, let my education never lack the meaning and value of spirituality

The LRBOI Great Lakes Fisheries Assessment Program will be conducting two Fish Cleaning and Filet Workshops on October 30th. Proper fish cleaning/filet techniques will be demonstrated and a “hands on” learning opportunity will be made available. Please bring a cooler for your fish; all other needed materials, including ice, will be provided. You can bring your own filet knife if you choose but the department will have knives to use as well.

The morning and afternoon workshops will be limited to ten participants each. If more than 20 people show an interest, we will host additional workshops as long as necessary, (or until the fish move out to deeper waters)

When: Friday, October 30, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Where: LRBOI Natural Resource Department, 159 Brickyard Road, Manistee, MI 49660 (Big Blue Building)

RSVP: Please sign up for the Fish Cleaning/Filet Workshop by emailing bharnish@LRBOI.com or by calling Bonnie Harnish @ Toll free 866-723-1594 or 231-398-2180

Homework Assistance in Muskegon

LRBOI has opened up the Muskegon Building to the LRBOI Education Dept., and Santana Aker will be there offering tutoring to all LRBOI students (k-12) and descendants of LRBOI citizens who are in need of academic help. Basic Skills, Time Management, Organization Management, Subject Area Learning Skills, ETC. will be things that she can assist in learning. Also, Santana is offering students computer basics and basic website lessons if they feel that is something they would like to learn.

WHEN?

September 9th, 2009 – December 20th, 2009

(15 weeks)

Monday – (1:30pm-5pm)

Wednesday – (1:30pm-5pm)

Sunday – (10am-2:45pm)

WHERE?

LRBOI Muskegon Building

1101 W. Hackley Ave.

Muskegon, MI

CONTACT

Email – SAKER@LRBOI.COM

Cell – 231-730-3981 (text or call)

Office – 231-398-6654 (During office times only-messages not available)

WHO IS SANTANA?

Santana Aker, is a tribal citizen and Intern for the LRBOI Education Dept. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from California State University, Long Beach, and a teaching certificate endorsed in History, Geography, and Group Social Studies from Grand Valley State University. He will be completing his Masters of Education curriculum in the winter semester, as well as a teachable English minor from GVSU as well.

Elders News

Elders Conference scheduled for November 7th at the Little River Casino Resort. Contact June Sam at 231-398-6709 for reservations. No mileage will be paid but other expenses will be covered. Also:

- o Contact Information for: Manistee Insurance Agency Steve Fredericks, agent 1-800-968-6215 or 231-723-2566
- o Don't forget: We still need quotes for the 2010 Elders monthly meeting meals
Call June Sam at 231-398-6709.

Mutual Aid. Numerous 'Letters to the Editor' have been appearing in the Manistee News Advocate over the last two weeks in support of a proposed Mutual Aid Agreement that would give Tribal officers backup law enforcement powers in the City of Manistee. The City's Police Chief brought the issue forward as cutbacks to the State Police and Sheriff's Department have left the city without police adequate coverage. The city and tribe have a long history of cooperation.

Job Search Resources

Michigan Works! – primary training and workforce development site, includes Michigan Talent bank and No Worker Left Behind retraining program.....www.michiganworks.org 1.800.285.WORK

Manistee County

Michigan Works! Service Center, 1660 US 31 South, Manistee.....231.723.2535

Mason County

Michigan Works! Service Center, 5722 West US 10, Ludington.....231.843.2563

Oceana County

Michigan Works! Service Center, 195 North Michigan Ave, Shelby.....231.861.2073

Muskegon County

Michigan Works! Family Services, 1516 Peck St, Muskegon.....231.726.2626

Michigan Works! Goodwill Industries, 950 West Norton Ave, Suite C, Muskegon.....231.739.9010

Michigan Works! Muskegon Heights, 160 East Barney St, Muskegon Heights.....231.830.3382

Michigan Works! Orchard View, 2389 East Laketon Ave, Muskegon.....231.760.1999

Michigan Works! White Lake, 541 East Slocum St, Whitehall.....231.893.1091

Kent County

Michigan Works! Service Center, 1560 Leonard NE, Grand Rapids.....616.336.4460

Michigan Works! M-TECH Service Center, 622 Godfrey SW, Grand Rapids.....616.234.3398

Michigan Works! Service Center, 36 Applewood Dr, Sparta.....616.887.2960

Lake County

Michigan Works! Service Center, 5252 South M-37, Baldwin.....231.745.2703

Newaygo County

Michigan Works! Service Center, 4747 West 48th St, Suite 162, Fremont.....231.924.3230

Ottawa County

Michigan Works! Service Center, 1830 172nd St, Suite G, Grand Haven.....616.296.0776

Michigan Works! Service Center, 121 Clover St, Holland.....616.396.2154

Wexford County

Michigan Works! Service Center, 401 Lake St, Suite 700, Cadillac.....231.775.3408

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Job Postings.....www.lrboi-nsn.gov/hr/index.html

Little River Casino Resort, Job Postings.....www.littlerivercasino.com/employment.html

Michigan Jobs and Career Portal – search job listings, create your resume, find career events and job fairs.....www.michigan.gov/careers

Michigan Job Network – another source for job seekers.....www.michiganjobnetwork.com

Michigan Civil Service – state government jobs and employment information.....www.michigan.gov/mdcs

U.S. Federal Government – U.S. government job opportunities worldwide.....www.usajobs.gov

Jobless Benefits

Unemployment Insurance Assistance

File for unemployment.....www.michigan.gov/uia or toll-free claims line: 1.866.500.0017

MARVIN certification: 1.866.638.3993

COBRA Continuation Coverage – help with premium payments for health insurance coverage under COBRA.....www.dol.gov/ebsa/COBRA.html

Continuing Education

West Shore Community College.....www.westshore.edu

Muskegon Community College.....www.muskegoncc.edu

Northwestern Michigan College.....www.nmc.edu

Grand Rapids Community College.....www.grcc.cc.mi.us

Department of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Discontinued Chip/Token Notice

Little River Casino Resort of Manistee, Michigan, and Enterprise of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Has changed the design of it's active gaming chips and tokens. Chips and tokens bearing the former design are discontinued and will be valid for play or redemption for a limited time only. Holders of discontinued chips and tokens are encouraged to exchange or redeem them by December 1, 2009

Beginning- Ending Date: During the first week of September through December 2009 ads will be placed in various locations at the Resort and in addition, posters will be placed in various locations at the Resort and in all LRBOI Tribal Buildings. The Resort will be posting the same information on the Resort's website, www.lrcr.com.

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Break the Silence-Stop the Violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Family Services Department has planned several activities throughout the month. We invite and encourage you to join us to help to break the silence and break the cycle of domestic violence.

Purple has come to be the color which is symbolic of domestic violence. Perhaps originally because of the coloring of bruises.

Please wear and display purple during October. When friends or strangers ask, tell them why you are displaying purple. Let your community know that you demand an end to continued passive support of violence.

October 1st-Tribal Family Gathering-Muskegon office-5-7-pm. Join us for a family meal and an opportunity to win one of 2 door prizes. Muskegon Take Back the Night Walk. 7-9pm. A collaborative effort with Every Woman's Place DV shelter. Gathering at the LRBOI office we will begin with general information about domestic violence along with local statistics regarding prevalence followed by a presentation from DV survivors. Each participant will be provided with a purple glow stick for the walk. Upon returning to the office snacks will be provided.

October 2nd-Small purple ribbons will be distributed in Tribal Government employee paychecks

October 14th-Tribal Family Gathering Manistee Community Center-5-7pm. For those of you who can't make it to Muskegon on October 1st. Manistee Take Back the Night Walk 7:30-9:30-A collaborative effort with CHOICES. Gathering at Port City Grille.

October 15th-Paint the Tribe Purple-everyone is encouraged to wear as much purple as possible and decorate your space w/ purple. There will be a friendly competition between government departments. There will be a surprise judge coming to visit each department.

For more information contact Denise Anderson at 231-398-6736 or Melissa Sharlow at 231-398-6651.



Flu Shots at the Clinic. The Tribal Health Clinic has also received their seasonal flu shot vaccines and is encouraging tribal members to contact the clinic for an appointment to receive their flu shot.

- Optical Service. Beginning October 1, 2009, GTB will only service members of other Federally Recognized tribes that live in their service area (Antrim, Benzie, Manistee, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau counties). Non GTB members will no longer have discount privileges and they will be charged the full amount. This is for optical services only. No word on anything else (medical, dental). According to Gina Wright (CHS/EHAP Supervisor) these should still be less costly than regular retail/optical stores.

The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done. If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.

(compiled by Office of Public Affairs)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.